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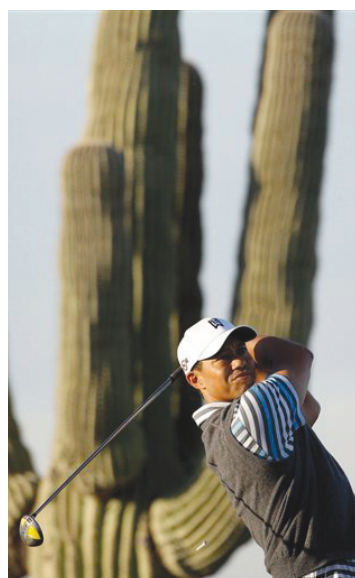
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Models of mock North Korea's Scud-B missile, center, and other South Korean missiles are displayed at Korea War Memorial Museum in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

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Tiger Woods tees off during a practice round at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship Tuesday Feb. 24, 2009, in Marana, Ariz.

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## We say good bye to the 'Lord of Misrule' King Momo



By Darrell Busby  
Special to Aruba Today

Last night, we said ayo (Good bye) to Carnival 55 by burning 'Rey Momo' (King Momo).

Rey Momo is burned at the end of the festivities, on the evening of the third day, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Where else can you find a straw figure build out of fireworks.

Momo is a representation of all the *Networking in Style*

elements that have to vanish before the period of fasting begins.

This figure was also a symbol of infertility. Others say that the Rey Momo is the anthropomorphic spirit of Carnival. Legend states that by burning King Momo, the villagers' sins and bad luck are burned away, leaving the island pure and filled with hope for great things to come. It explains why Rey Momo is burned. In Aruba the burning of Rey Momo after

the (Farewell Parade) is accompanied by fireworks, and drew a large crowd in both San Nicolas on Monday and Oranjestad on Tuesday.

Prince and Pancho, who are the bearers of the city's key during the period of carnival, represent customs of late Medieval Europe with its important and autonomous cities, where Merry making and Craziiness were supposed to reign during these festivities ☐

## AHATA and its members meet over lively conversation



ORANJESTAD – Current affairs were once again the topic among Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) members, but in the more social environment offered by its latest "Networking in Style" event, held at the Aruba Marriott. As an activity after its most recent General Assembly, AHATA offered a forum in which the day's discussions could be once again brought forward along with matters of general interest.

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# Dr. Richard Visser guest of the Bahrain Exhibition and Convention Authority



ORANJESTAD – Aruba's Dr Richard Visser, [www.simplyh.com](http://www.simplyh.com), a recognized international expert on childhood nutrition and health specializing in childhood obesity was guest of the Bahrain Exhibition and Convention Authority as it staged the first International Natural Health Products and Green Expo, BINHPGE, from the 5th to the 7th February, 2009. The expo was held under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain. With a goal of promoting well-being and holistic lifestyle practices, BINHPGE was a joint venture between Bahrain Exhibition & Convention Authority (BECA) and

Mind Body & Beyond LLC (USA), producer of the Mind Body & Beyond Expo, an event annually held in Los Angeles, California. It is the first time for Mind Body & Beyond LLC to make its foray into the global market by holding the inaugural BINHPGE 09 in Bahrain. The Bahrain International Natural Health Products & Green Expo 2009 enjoyed 42 select exhibitors from USA, Austria, UAE and the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Dr Richard Visser presented his Toddler Health, a line of quality products among them a nutritious drink mix for young children, which is easy-to-prepare, designed for children 13 months to 5 years of age.



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Visser reports that his hosts felt that coming from a desert tropical island he understands the challenges of introducing physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle into hot climates. The kingdom, Visser adds just embarked on a mission to promote awareness and respect for healthy and good living, and is struggling

to introduce a new attitude in regards to food, and its direct connection to health. The Middle East, Visser states faces a growing threat of diabetes, heart disease and hypertension, caused by weight surplus, and lack of physical activity. Local foods are saturated with fats and sugars and the national dress code helps hide the extra pounds. Bahrain is an island microstate in the Persian Gulf. It is connected to Saudi Arabia to the west by the King Fahd Causeway, which officially opened on 25 November 1986. Qatar is located to the southeast across the Gulf of

Bahrain. The planned Qatar-Bahrain Friendship Bridge will link Bahrain to Qatar as the longest fixed link in the world.

Bahrain's king is His Majesty Sheikh Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa. The microstate has 760,168 residents with 469,553 ( 61.8%) nationals and 290,615 (38.2%) non-national, speaking Arabic, English, Farsi & Urdu, which contributes to the tolerant, cosmopolitan atmosphere in the kingdom which also hosts U.S. Naval Support Activity. Pictured here Visser in Bahrain, at the expo, as he is interviewed by Bahrain TV viewed in the entire region. □



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AHATA enjoys a broad member base, with its more than 100 member companies encompassing various branches of the tourism industry, including resorts, timeshares, service providers, activity providers, restaurants, retail stores and many other categories.

Many well-known faces, as well as new entries to AHATA, could be observed at the event, enjoying the networking opportunity provided by the relaxed, social occasion.


New members, with representatives from The Village at Palm Beach, Morgan's Island as well as Ravee Boolchand from the already well-established Boolchand's stores, were present during the recent get-together.


AHATA members often have the opportunity to meet during the various conferences, lectures, workshops and social events in which the association is involved or organizes.

Aruba's business community is encouraged to join AHATA's roster of members and partners in creating a platform for sustainable development for our island, and in benefiting from the continuous support provided through the association. For more information, contact Doreen Kralick, Director of Membership, PR & Communications at Tel: 582-2607 or E-mail: Doreen@ahata.com. □



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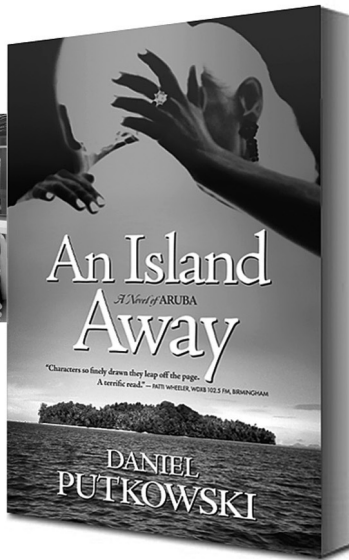
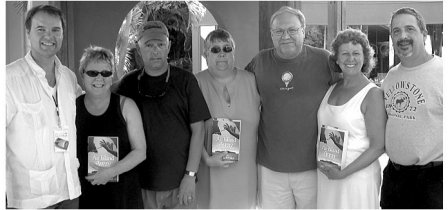
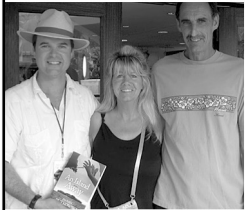
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## The Kiwanis of Palm Beach organize A Terrific Masquerade Ball



ORANJESTAD—The Kiwanis of Palm Beach organized a terrific Masquerade Ball at the Renaissance Convention Center on Friday. The ball was entertained by Oreo and band leader Claudius Philips, winner of the 2009 Calypso and Road March Competition and Robert Jean D'or and his Solo Banda Show.

The evening poured premium cocktails, and featured delicious food, fabulous door



prizes and a best-costume competition. Pictured here the revelers and their fantastic Carnival fantasies, having a wonderful time, and raising funds to benefit local

charities. The Masquerade Ball in its 12<sup>th</sup> edition was a huge success and prepared local and visitors for the San Nicolas J'Ouvert Morning Pajama Parade. □



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## Fund Raising Happy Jump Hour with Le Groove



EAGLE BEACH – Attorneys Lincoln Gomez and Andin Bikker welcomed friends and clients to a happy jump hour with Le Groove, on their new office parking lot Friday, helping fundraise for the Red Cross Aruba. Gomez & Bikker is an international law firm, providing a complete assistance to its clients including banks, lessees and other financiers, businesses, governments, non-profit

organizations and individual clients at the global level. The firm's new main office is located in Oranjestad, Aruba, in the former heart institute, Caya J.E.M. Arends 14, while it has a representation office in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Happy jump hour was organized in the spirit of Carnival and fits Gomez & Bikker's primary goal to create the best personal relationships between clients and attorneys, as the firm aims to excel in representing their individual clients. Gomez & Bikker Practice areas include: corporate law, aviation, maritime, media, intellectual property, banking, bankruptcy, taxation and telecommunications. Law Attorneys Gomez & Bikker are members of the Terralex Network. □



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# Playa Linda shows its carnival spirit



PALM BEACH - The recent rain could not dampen the Carnival spirit at the Playa Linda Beach Resort, which recently played host to its own dance celebration, presented with a recycling message. Owners and guests joined in with resort employees, who recycled past carnival t-shirts and remainders of sequined outfits, as they whined to carnival rhythms provided by DJ Giovanni Trim. Each year the Playa Linda brings carnival into the resort, with a day of bright carnival tunes and festive attitudes making for a memorable time. Because Playa Linda is a



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The infectious carnival spirit had employees as well as owners and guests swaying to the carnival music and helping celebrate this special part of the year. Sharing in on the merriment was the Resort General Manager Jan van Nes, staff as well as employees and their families. The afternoon of celebration helped brighten an unusually cloudy Aruban day. □



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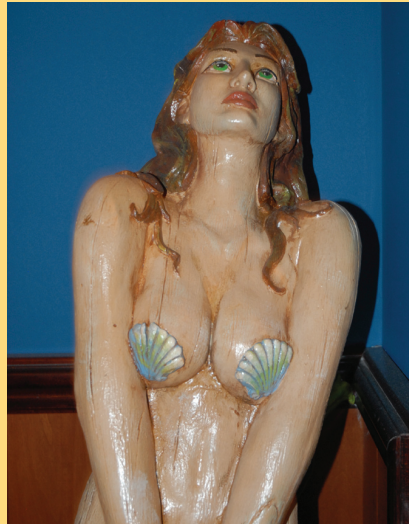
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Moby Dick's is open for lunch as well. The chef has made a well rounded, extensive menu for you to choose from. You will find what you want, whatever your craving may be at that time. The staff is amongst the friendliest on the



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# “Aruhiba” Aruba’s homemade cigar



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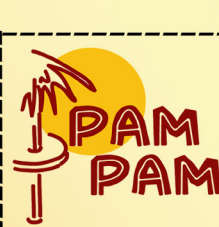
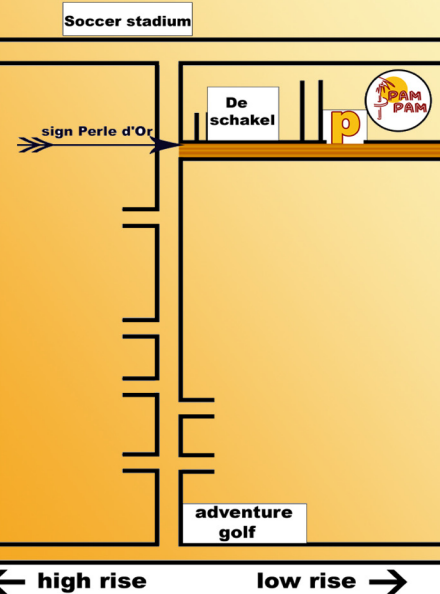
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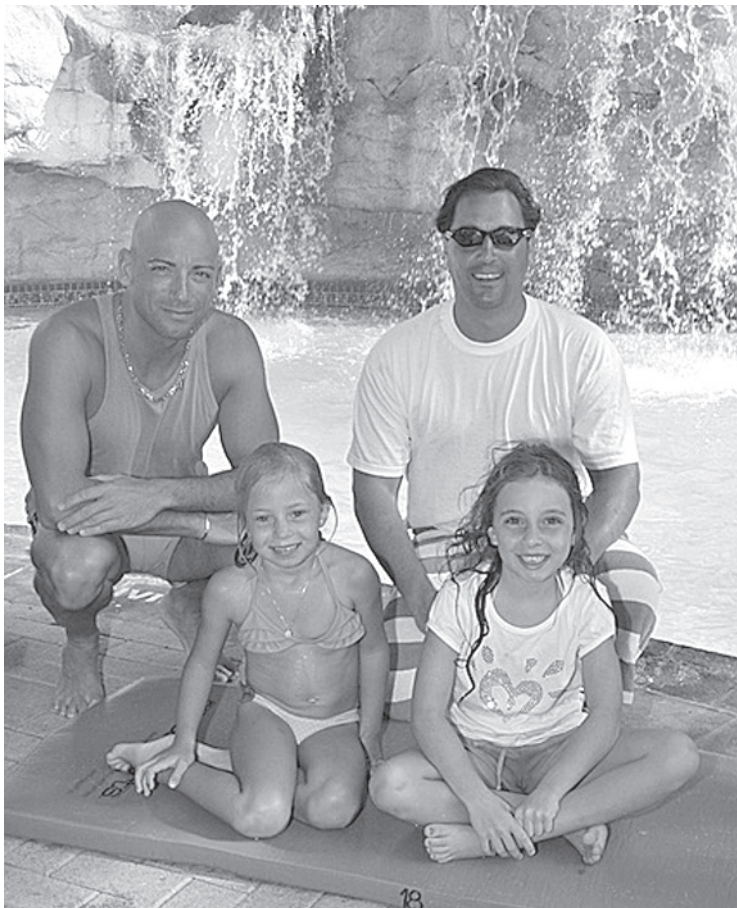
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# Winners at Amazonia Churrascaria

PALM BEACH – Valentine's Day delivered excellent food in a romantic atmosphere combined with surprises, then Amazonia Churrascaria also rewarded lovers having sumptuous dinner at the Brazilian-styled steakhouse with prizes. The gift certificates were handed out at a small gathering, and Maira Ras

## Bostonians love Aruba Marriott Resort



PALM BEACH – This past week has been full of fun in the sun and great Carnival ambiance. John Santouosso of the Boston Globe is pictured with his Brother-in-Law John Sharpe with his daughter Kenna, whose mother Ellen was out shopping for souvenirs at the time of the photos. John, John, and Kenna are pictured with their favorite Aruban friend Paris who loves to swim like a fish. □

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got a certificate for two entitling her to come back to Amazonia Churrascaria for dinner. Jurraine Tiel received a certificate from Ling & Sons Super Center while

Rachelle Figaroa enjoyed a gift certificate for Maggy's perfumeries. All holidays are always celebrated in great style at Amazonia Churrascaria, says

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# Juan Camilo Vasquez spreads his wings



ORANJESTAD – The team of Professional Pest Control gathered to wish Juan Camilo success in his future undertakings as he is leaving the company to pursue his ambition to operate his own business, in a related pest control field. Managing Director Anthony Wever praised Juan Camilo’s dedication and commitment



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which when it was paired with his keenness to learn and innate enthusiasm made Juan Camilo a success story. Juan Camilo, Wever explains, joined Professional Pest Control as a service man. He was well-schooled in the subject of pest control and accepted the challenge of starting from the bottom and making his way up to become the company’s Sales and Commercial Division Manager. Recently he expressed the wish to branch out to the bird and dove control niche, with his own company, which Wever says complements the services rendered by Professional Pest Control without competing with it. “I see it as a very positive development,” Wever states, “and we are proud of Juan Camilo’s decision, his career path should inspire and encourage others to follow their dreams and spread their wings.” Pictured here, the get-together at the Professional Pest Control headquarters as Juan Camilo is presented with a gift and wishes for success, from his peers and Managing Director Anthony Wever. □







by Carlos Viana

Our community just finished burning this year's carnival momo. You might not know this but traditionally the momo is black because in pagan religions the momo or that year's "king" absorbs all the sins of the community and dies taking all the community's sins with him. The community expunged from all wrongs is then able to begin anew with a fresh beginning, symbolized by spring. The burning or death of the momo always makes me remember our own mortality.

The United States currently has the greatest number of centenarians in the world, numbering over 55,000 in the year 2005. The U.S. number is partly a function of America's large population and an increased emphasis on long term care facilities. Japan is second, with 30,000. Many experts attribute this and Japan's very high life expectancy to the Japanese diet, which is particularly low in fats. Japanese centenarians receive a silver cup and a certificate from the Prime Minister of Japan upon their 100th birthday, honoring them for their longevity and prosperity in their lives. Five times as many Okinawans live to be 100 than the rest of Japan. There must be something to island life because here in the Caribbean, the Island of Barbados has the third-highest occurrence of centenarians in the world.

There are different theories as to just how long the human body can last, and why certain cultures have longer life expectancies than others, but

## Burning Your Momo

one would expect that since the United States spends more on health care than other nations, the life expectancy would reflect that spending. However, the United States ranks only 24th on the list of disability-adjusted life expectancy while Japan ranks first.

There are obviously other factors involved in living to be 100 years old or more. Some scientists believe that people may be able to live for hundreds of years based on their study of round worms. The study, published in the October 2003 journal *Science*, found that by manipulating the worms' insulin signaling and removing their reproductive systems, the worms could live six times longer than normal. According to the researchers, this corresponds to a healthy, active lifespan of 500 human years. It is quite clear that elevated insulin levels are indeed one of the most significant physical influences that contribute to rapid aging, and there is no question that optimizing insulin levels is the key to optimizing the aging process. Look at the insulin/ diabetes problems we have in our community and in modern societies worldwide.

However, I believe that our maximum lifespan is about 120 years and manipulation of even insulin genes will be highly unlikely to improve our lifespan significantly beyond that. Ironically, even though most people express an interest in living to their maximum

potential, many people refuse to use the available methods that are sure to slow down aging. If they did, we would surely not be facing the ever-increasing epidemics of obesity and diabetes.

If you want to increase your chances of living a longer, healthier life, one of the first things you should do is start practicing a good nutrition plan. You'll notice that at the heart of our clinic's holistic health program is the elimination, or at the very least a large reduction, of grains and sugar in your diet. Consuming sugar and grains, especially all wheat bread products, will increase your insulin level, and that is the equivalent of slamming your foot on the aging accelerator. There is simply no more potent way to accelerate aging than eating sugar and grains. Eating right for your metabolic type, which incidentally, is your blood type, will also help to optimize your anti-aging program.

Medical researchers have known for years that eating fish was associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, but only recently have researchers had laboratory evidence to explain this effect. Eating oily fish like salmon, tuna or bluefish at least twice a week can prevent sudden cardiac death because fatty acids in the fish block dangerous irregular heart rhythms. Fish oil is another strong factor in helping people live longer, and many experts believe that it is likely the predominant

reason why the Japanese are the longest lived race on the planet. When choosing a fish oil brand, it is important to find one of high quality to ensure that it has been purified of mercury and other toxins.

Mortality statistics state that the leading cause of death for people 35 years old and younger is automobile accidents. After that, cardiovascular disease and cancer both equally share the leading cause of death. After age 75, cancer dominates as the leading cause of death. Medical researchers are realizing that people using a comprehensive healthy diet and supplementation strategy have a possible fifty to seventy-five percent reductions with a cancer diagnosis. Vitamin supplements may help to slow the progress of some forms of cancer, scientists have claimed. Several studies presented at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research show that supplements - ranging from ordinary multivitamins to specially formulated vegetable-based capsules - can have a positive impact in combating the disease.

Get the Point! Your nutritional sins are hanging around your waist. You can "burn your candle at both ends" or take responsibility for your aging process. Why not do something about slowing down your aging? You may also want to look into some specific foods and food supplements that may slow down aging. Blueberries are rich in antioxidants that have anti-aging effects. Most fruits and especially vegetables contain



antioxidants. Sardines are full of RNA that will help you rebuild your body. Interested? Maybe now is the time to hook up with a Certified Clinical Nutritionist. We can help you burn your sins and start anew with your own personal health plan.

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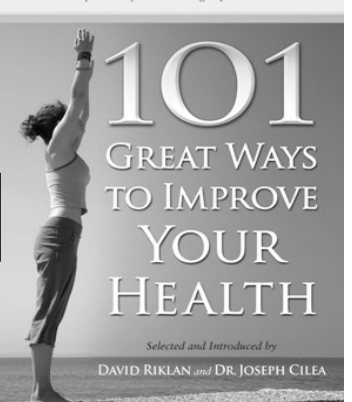
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## Obama is right to take on the very rich

By Chuck Collins and Sam Pizzigati

Boston and Washington — We've seen, in recent weeks, an outpouring of public outrage over the mega millions that keep flowing — despite the escalating economic meltdown — into the pockets of America's top bankers and corporate executives.

"I'm angry," Sen. Claire McCaskill (D) of Missouri told her Senate colleagues late last month, as she introduced a bill to cap pay for bailed-out CEOs at \$400,000 a year. "Wall Street [is] kicking sand in the face of the American taxpayer."

"I will not tolerate it," President Obama added a few days later, as he announced a \$500,000 executive pay cap at firms getting substantial bailout dollars.

The amount of money that goes into executive pockets is staggering. So is the amount that comes out of those pockets in taxes: precious little. America's super-rich are paying far less of their incomes in taxes than average Americans who punch time clocks. This is grossly unfair. The good news: Under Mr. Obama's new plan to cut the deficit in half, the very richest Americans will start paying something closer to their fair tax share.

It's been a while since they've done that. As recent IRS data show, these elites are paying less in taxes — much less — than their deep-pocket counterparts used to pay. In 2006, the 400 highest-income Americans together reported \$105 billion in income, an average of \$263 million each.

Having trouble visualizing that? To pocket \$263 million a year, you would have to take home over \$60,000 an hour — and work 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for an entire 12 months. Sounds tiring, doesn't it? But most of the top 400 make their fortunes buying and selling assets, everything from stocks and bonds to the exotic paper that helped inflate the housing bubble.

Uncle Sam taxes income from those assets — whether that income be capital gains or dividends — at a much lower rate than income from work.

The current top tax rate on "ordinary" work income sits at 35 percent. But dividends and capital gains from the buying and selling of most assets face only a 15 percent top rate. That's why in 2006, America's top 400 paid just 17.2 percent of their \$263 million average incomes in federal tax.

Millions of middle-class American families, once you tally income and payroll taxes, pay far more of their incomes in tax. One particularly striking example from billionaire investor Warren Buffett: In 2006, he paid 17.7 percent of his income in total taxes. His secretary, who made \$60,000, paid 30 percent of hers.

How did we end up with this sorry state of affairs? Lawmakers in Congress have spent the past several decades systematically slicing the tax rates on America's top income brackets. Their rationale? Lower taxes on the top, free up capital for investment, and boost productivity.

In actual economic practice, those lower taxes have served instead to fuel speculation and increase budget deficits. For the ultrarich themselves, the tax savings have been nothing short of breathtaking. Back in 1955, America's top 400 paid more than 50 percent of their incomes in federal tax, almost triple the rate of today's top 400.

We can fix this. Obama just announced his plan to end the Bush administration's high-income tax cuts. This is an important step. We can insist, also, that lawmakers end the preferential treatment of dividends and capital gains. □

## Courage, Mr. Holder

Pat Buchanan

Creators Syndicate — Lecturing a conscript conclave of Justice Department bureaucrats, Attorney General Eric Holder last week called America a "nation of cowards" for not spending more time talking about race.

Reading his speech, however, one recalls the sage counsel of Pat Moynihan to President Nixon in 1970: This whole subject might benefit from a long period of "benign neglect."

One point Holder did allude to, without specifics, was this:

"It is not safe for this nation to assume that the unaddressed social problems in the poorest parts of the country can be isolated and will not ultimately affect the larger society."

Fair point. And what are some of those social problems? A 70 percent illegitimacy rate in black America, an incarceration and crime rate seven times that of white America, a 50 percent dropout rate in many urban high schools, African-American graduates reading and computing on average at eighth-grade levels.

And about these problems what is the black leadership doing?

Unlike Bill Cosby, the heroic Holder was virtually mute. Rather, he is upset that "on Saturdays and Sundays" we don't go to church or hang out together. But why are the free associations of Americans, of whatever creed or color, any of Eric Holder or Big Brother's business?

Having insulted us, perhaps Holder will start doing his own sworn duty. For one area where he has a lead role is enforcing the nation's laws — in particular, the U.S. immigration laws. For the federal failure to enforce these laws is a contributory cause of one of those "unaddressed social problems in the poorest parts of the country."

Case in point — rampant unemployment among minority youth.

According to the Center for Immigration Studies, among African-Americans 18 to 29 with only a high-school degree, unemployment is now 20 percent. Among black adults who do not have a high-school diploma, it is 24 percent. Among teenagers under 18, black unemployment is 30 percent.

Among native-born Hispanics with only a high-school diploma, the unemployment rate is 13.6 percent. Among high-school dropouts, 16 percent. Among Hispanic 16- and 17-year-olds, the jobless figure is 40 percent.

As these figures were compiled in December, before the last two months of sweeping layoffs, they surely understate the situation. And with both black and Hispanic dropout rates now reaching 50 percent in major cities, the social dynamite is piling up.

Last month, USA Today reported that the FBI estimates there are now 1 million gang members in the United States — up 200,000 from 2005 — and these gangs are responsible for 80 percent of all U.S. crimes.

From other studies, young Hispanics are 19 times as likely as white youth to join gangs, while African-Americans are 15 times.

These millions of teenagers, and unskilled and less-educated young adults with no jobs and little prospect of finding them, are recruiting pools for criminal gangs.

Who is getting the jobs for which these native-born black and Hispanic young could qualify? Illegal aliens hold literally millions of them.

Last week, the CIS reported, "An estimated 6 to 7 million illegal immigrants are currently holding jobs. Prior research indicates they are overwhelmingly employed in lower-skilled and lower-paid jobs."

Exactly what sort of jobs?

"Illegals are primarily employed in construction, building cleaning and maintenance, food preparation, service and processing, transportation and moving occupations and agriculture."

With the exception of agriculture, a majority of the workers in these occupations are native-born Americans. Thus, illegal aliens are taking jobs Americans are not only willing to do, but are doing, and taking 7 million of these jobs from young Americans now out of work.

By failing to enforce U.S. immigration laws, the government of the United States is selling America's working class down the river.

In addition to the 7 million illegals holding jobs, legal immigrants have another 15 million. In 2008, when Americans lost 3.5 million jobs, 144,000 immigrants were admitted every month.

Why do we have an open-borders immigration policy that annually allows in millions, legal and illegal, to compete for jobs, when 10 million Americans are out of work and half a million are losing their jobs every month? The political correctness and moral cowardice of our Lords Temporal, who refuse to call a time-out on immigration until our own people go back to work, is killing the American dream for millions. □



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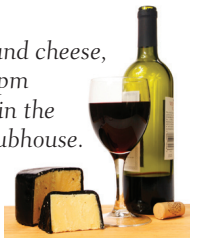


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In this Thursday, June 19, 2008 file photo, a U.S. Marine takes cover behind an Iraqi Army humvee during the beginning of combat operations in Amarah, Iraq, 200 miles southeast of Baghdad. The United States will withdraw most of its troops from Iraq by August 2010, 19 months after President Barack Obama's inauguration day, according to administration officials who expect Obama to make the announcement this week.

*Associated Press*

## Officials: Most troops out of Iraq in 18 months

By PAMELA HESS and ANNE GEARAN

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plans to remove all U.S. combat troops from Iraq by August 2010, administration officials said Tuesday, which would end the war that defined his upstart presidential campaign three months later than he had promised.

The withdrawal plan could be announced as early as this week. It would specify that a large contingent of troops, 30,000 to 50,000 troops, would be left behind to advise and train Iraqi security forces and to protect U.S. interests. Obama built enormous voter support for his White House bid by pledging to withdraw troops within the first 16 months he was in office. That schedule, based on removing roughly one brigade

a month, was predicated on commanders determining that it would not endanger U.S. troops left behind or Iraq's fragile security.

The contingent remaining will include intelligence and surveillance specialists and their equipment, including unmanned aircraft, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because the plan has not been made public.

The complete withdrawal of American forces will occur by December 2011, the period by which the United States agreed with Iraq to have all troops removed.

A senior White House official said Tuesday that Obama is at least a day away from making a final decision. He farther said an announcement was unlikely Wednesday, but Obama could discuss Iraq during a trip to North Carolina on Friday.

About 142,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq, roughly 14 brigades, about 11,000 more than the total in Iraq when President George W. Bush announced in January 2007 that he would "surge" the force to put down the insurgency. He sent an additional 21,000 combat troops to Baghdad and Anbar province. Although the number of combat brigades has dropped from 20 to 14, the United States has increased the number of logistical and other support troops. A brigade is usually 3,000 to 5,000 troops. Removing so many people and tons of equipment presents logistical difficulties. The 19-month strategy is a compromise between commanders and advisers who worry that security gains could backslide in Iraq and others who think the bulk of U.S. combat work is long since done.

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## Palin to pay Alaska nearly \$7,000 for kids' trips

By ANNE SUTTON

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)

— Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, last year's Republican vice presidential candidate, will reimburse the state nearly \$7,000 for costs associated with nine trips taken by her children, her attorney said Tuesday.

Palin must reimburse the state within 120 days, according to a settlement agreement filed by a special investigator hired by the Alaska Personnel Board to investigate an ethics complaint filed against her.

The exact amount will be determined by the Alaska Department of Administration, said Palin's attorney, Thomas Van Flein. He estimated the



amount would be \$6,800.

There is no state law prohibiting the governor's family from traveling with her and the personnel board found no wrongdoing on the part of the governor.

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A South Korean watches a television news showing a file image of North Korea's missile, at a railway station in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009. North Korea said Tuesday it is preparing to shoot a satellite into orbit, its clearest reference yet to an impending launch that neighbors and the U.S. suspect will be a provocative test of a long-range missile. The letters on the TV read "The preparations for launching experimental communications satellite Kwangmyongsong-2".

*Associated Press*

## NKorea says satellite, but neighbors fear missile

By JAE-SOON CHANG

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Tuesday it is preparing to shoot a satellite into orbit, its clearest reference yet to an impending launch that neighbors and the U.S. suspect will be a provocative test of a long-range missile.

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In this Feb. 20, 2009 file photo, President Barack Obama waits to speak to mayors from across the country in the East Room of the White House. In a prime-time speech from the House of Representatives, Tuesday night, the president will make his case that much more has to be done to turn around the economy - a message he knows he must explain.

**OUT OF IRAQ**  
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The White House considered at least

two other options: one would follow Obama's 16-month timeline and the other stretched withdrawal over 23

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months, The Associated Press reported this month. Some U.S. commanders have spoken more optimistically in recent months about prospects for reducing the force. Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, who just left his job overseeing U.S. operations in Anbar Province, said Tuesday that he saw violence drop to an almost "meaningless" level during the past year. Kelly told reporters Tuesday that in the area that was the home ground of the Sunni Muslim insurgency, American combat forces do not have enough to do, and most could have pulled out months ago. "There is still a security issue there, but in the province I just left the (Iraqi) army and the police are more than handling the remnants of what used to be al-Qaida," Kelly said. "There's other parts of Iraq that aren't going quite as well, but all of Iraq is doing pretty well." According to officials, Obama had requested a range of options from his top military advisers, including one that would have withdrawn troops in 16 months. Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had recently

forwarded withdrawal alternatives to the White House for Obama's consideration. Along with the U.S. troops to be withdrawn, there is a sizable cadre of contractors who provide services to them who would pack their bags as well. There were 148,050 defense contractor personnel working in Iraq as of December, 39,262 of them U.S. citizens. More than 200 U.S. military installations are in Iraq. According to Army officials interviewed by the Government Accountability Office, it can take up to two months to shut down small outposts that hold up to 300 troops. Larger entrenched facilities, like Balad Air Base, could take up to 18 months to close, according to the GAO. As of Monday, at least 4,250 members of the U.S. military had died in the Iraq war since it began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. More than 31,000 have been injured. An additional 35,841 have received medical air transport due to nonhostile incidents. Congress has approved more than \$657 billion so far for the Iraq war, according to a report last year from the Congressional Research Service. □

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## Feds searching for CEO in case of tainted syringes

By MIKE BAKER

Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — For months, prosecutors say, technicians in the gloom of a run-down North Carolina plant prepared life-sustaining syringes and shipped them before ensuring they were sterile.

Investigators believe a rush to maximize profits led Dushyant Patel's AM2PAT Inc. to produce heparin and saline syringes that killed five people and sickened hundreds of others, some resulting in spinal meningitis and permanent brain damage. Authorities are now on an international search for Patel after he was indicted last week on 10 charges including fraud, false statements and selling adulterated medical devices.

U.S. Attorney George Holding said Tuesday that authorities believe Patel has fled to his native India and have turned to Interpol for cross-border aid in catching up to him.

"Our office is committed to pursuing him and bringing him here to account for his actions," Holding said.

Court documents portray a disturbing recklessness that allowed syringes to ship before they were checked for contamination. Reports detailing the testing were backdated to appear they passed procedure before shipping, and some test results were manipulated or fabricated to deceive inspectors from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, prosecutors said.

Patel's company sold nearly \$7 million worth of heparin, a blood thinner, and saline syringes in 2006-07. The plant in Angier, about 20 miles south of Raleigh, cut corners so it could maximize profit, including shipping products quickly without checking on safety, according to court

documents.

The syringes were recalled in December 2007 after an outbreak of illnesses. Health inspectors identified bacterial infections in Colorado, Texas, Illinois and Florida and traced the contamination to AM2PAT.

It's a similar disregard for consumer health that congressional leaders portrayed in the salmonella outbreak traced to products from a Georgia peanut plant that sickened 600 people and may have contributed to nine deaths. Company e-mails released by a U.S. House committee showed Peanut Corp. of America owner Stewart Parnell ordered products tainted with the bacteria to be shipped because he was worried about lost sales. Parnell has not been charged, but federal officials are investigating.

Ned Feder, a staff scientist at the Washington-based nonprofit Project On Government Oversight, said the FDA must rely to some extent on the honesty of plants, but that the agency also needs to verify the paperwork companies produce. The FDA doesn't inspect often enough, largely because it is short on staff, he said.

"You hardly turn around and the FDA is breaking news," Feder said. "If it isn't peanuts in Georgia, it's syringes in North Carolina. They're completely different (cases),



An undated handout photo released by the U.S. Prosecutor's Office as part of the government's evidence against Aniruddha Patel, plant manager for the medical company AM2PAT, shows conditions in the drug manufacturing plant.

but they can both be traced back to the fact that the FDA doesn't have the manpower to do the policing it needs to do."

FDA spokeswoman Siobhan DeLancey declined to immediately discuss the syringe case. She acknowledged that it's impossible for inspectors to be in every plant at once but said the FDA performs regular checks.

Several people have sued since the fallout of the tainted syringe case, and prosecutors still aren't sure exactly how many were affected by it. Heparin and saline are used to flush intravenous lines during

cancer treatments, kidney dialysis and other procedures. "One of the worst things about this case is that the people who were taking saline and heparin, they're usually sick already or have some debilitating illness and need these medicines to try to get well," Holding said. "Sometimes it's hard to determine whether they were killed from the tainted heparin or whether it was the original illness. We're not able to say any more than five."

AM2PAT was incorporated in Chicago, where Patel lived, but had its only plant in North Carolina. Patel said about a year ago

when federal officials were investigating the sicknesses that his company voluntarily recalled the syringes in question and there was "nothing out there anymore." Prosecutors do not know if Patel still has an attorney. He faces up to 95 years in prison, if convicted.

Plant manager Aniruddha Patel, 43, of Carpentersville, Ill., and quality control director Ravindra Kumar Sharma, 54, of Richmond, Va., each were sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Raleigh to 4 1/2 years in prison for fraud and allowing tainted drugs into the marketplace. □

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In this file photo taken June 30, 2008, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, right, standing next to her daughter, Piper, left, and holding her son Trigg, with North Slope Borough Mayor Edward S. Itta, back, speaks at a whaling festival in Barrow, Alaska. Thomas Van Flein, attorney for Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, said Palin will reimburse the state nearly \$7,000 for costs associated with nine trips taken by her children.

*Associated Press*

Petumenos, interpreted the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act to require that state only pay if the first family serves an important state interest.

Petumenos said "some of the travel raised by the Complaint does not meet this standard," according to the agreement.

Van Flein said 72 travel authorizations were studied, with nine found to be of questionable state interest.

Those include airfare and one meal for her daughter Bristol Palin, who accompanied the governor to New York for

Newsweek's Third Annual Women and Leadership Conference in October 2007.

Other trips include Bristol attending "Beauty and the Beast" at the Valley Performing Arts Center, airfare for daughters Piper and Bristol to travel to Juneau from Anchorage for the State of the State address and airfare for Piper to attend the start of the Iron Dog snowmachine race and the Alaska Outdoor Council Banquet.

Van Flein said the governor's action in reaching the agreement was voluntary and above what was legally and ethically required of her.

The complaint was filed in October by Anchorage Democrat Frank Gwartney, 60, who alleged that Palin used her official position as governor for personal gain, violating a statute of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Gwartney's complaint followed a report by The Associated Press that Palin charged the state more than \$21,000 for her three daughters' commercial flights, including events where they weren't invited, and later ordered their expense forms amended to specify official state business.

Administration officials have said Alaska law allows governors to charge the state for their family's travel if they conduct state business. □

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# Infant, 6 others shot near Mardi Gras parade route

By **MICHAEL KUNZELMAN**  
**Associated Press Writer**

**NEW ORLEANS** — A Mardi Gras parade erupted into chaos on Fat Tuesday when a series of gunshots struck seven people, including a toddler. The child was not seriously injured and two suspects were in custody, police said. The shootings happened near the Garden District about 1:40 p.m. after the last major parade of the celebration, Rex, had ended. A stream of truck floats that follow the parade were passing by when gunfire broke out.

“It sounded like a string of fireworks, so I knew it was more than one shooter,” said Toni Labat, 29, a limousine company manager. She was with her two children, a 2-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl.

“Everybody was petrified. They hit the ground, the floats stopped, everybody on the floats ducked,” Labat said. Labat said one man dragged himself on the ground screaming for help after being wounded and another man was gasping for air and bleeding from his mouth.

Police spokesman Bob Young said the victims — three men ages 50, 33 and 20, two young women ages 20 and 17 and a 15-year-old boy — were taken to area hospitals. The conditions of all the victims were not immediately available, but Young said the 20-month-old baby was grazed by a bullet and not seriously hurt.

Dr. Jim Parry, 41, a surgeon who was with a gathering of doctors near the shooting site, ran over to tend to one man who he said had been shot in the abdomen. “He kept asking me, ‘Was I shot? Was I shot?’” Paramedics arrived and took over for the Air Force reservist.

“I’m off to Afghanistan this summer. Damn, this is more dangerous than Afghanistan,” Parry said.

Two men, 19-year-old Mark Brooks and 18-year-old Louis Lazone, both of New Orleans, were each booked with seven counts of attempted first-degree murder. Brooks also faces a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, Young said. It was not immediately known if the men had attorneys.

Three weapons believed used in the shooting were recovered, Young said. It was not immediately clear whether the gunfire was random or if the shooters were aiming for the victims or each other.

The violence along the oak-lined Uptown streetcar line marred what had been a generally peaceful day of revelry in which hundreds of thousands of people partied in the streets on the final day of Carnival. Another shooting was reported on Friday night after an argument, but otherwise, the event was generally problem-free.

Beau Beals, 45, said he was outside a house party on St. Charles Avenue when the shooting erupted. He said he and other revelers tossed children over a metal fence to get them to safety, but others kept waiting for beads and other trinkets being tossed from the floats as if nothing



People come to the aid of an unidentified victim at the scene where at least five people were shot and two suspects were taken into custody in a shooting incident along the Mardi Gras parade route in New Orleans, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

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had happened. the street and people didn’t “They had an ambulance out stop vying for throws,” Beals here picking the guy up off said□

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South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan listens to a question during a press conference at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009. Yu warned North Korea on Thursday against launching a long-range missile, saying such an action would threaten regional stability and trigger punitive measures.

Associated Press

MISSILE FEAR

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The statement from the North’s space technology agency comes amid growing international concern that the communist nation is gearing up to fire a version of its most advanced missile — capable of reaching the U.S. — in coming days, in violation of a U.N. Security Council resolution.

North Korea asserted last week it has the right to “space development” — words the regime has used in the past to disguise a missile test. In 1998, North Korea test-fired a Taepodong-1 ballistic missile over Japan and then claimed to have put a satellite into orbit.

“The preparations for launching experimental communications satellite Kwangmyongsong-2 by means of delivery rocket Unha-2 are now making brisk headway” at a launch site in Hwadae in the northeast, the North’s space agency said in a statement carried by Pyongyang’s official Korean Central News Agency. The report did not say when the launch would take place.

Intelligence officials reported a flurry of personnel and vehicle activity at the Hwadae launch site, the Yonhap news agency reported Tuesday.

However, the North has not yet placed a rocket on the launch pad, the report said. After mounting the satellite or missile, it would take five to seven days to fuel the rocket, experts say.

Hwadae is also the launch site for North Korea’s longest-range missile, the Taepodong-2, with the potential to reach Alaska. Reports suggest the missile being readied for launch could be an advanced version of the Taepodong-2 with even greater range: the U.S. west coast.

The country test-launched a Taepodong-2 missile in 2006, but it plunged into the ocean shortly after liftoff.

North Korea should present clear evidence that it is planning to launch a satellite, South Korean Defense Minister Lee Sang-hee said Tuesday, according to Yonhap. But either way, he said South Korea would consider any launch a “threat” because the technologies are similar.

Baek Seung-joo, a North Korea expert at Seoul’s state-run Korea Institute for Defense Analyses, said Pyongyang is only calling it a satellite launch “to minimize friction with the United States and international criticism.”

North Korea is banned from any ballistic missile activity under a U.N. Security Council resolution adopted after the North’s first-ever nuclear test in 2006. North Korea could face sanctions if it violates the resolution.

In New York, U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe said the United Nations was “monitoring the situation very closely.”

Analysts have warned for weeks that the North may fire a missile to send a signal to South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, who took office a year ago with a hard-line policy on North Korea, and to President Barack Obama.

Pyongyang recently has stepped up its hostile rhetoric against South Korea, saying it is “fully ready” for war. The two Koreas technically remain at war because their 1950-53 conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty.

South Korea, Japan and the United States have warned Pyongyang not to fire a missile. Last week, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged the North to stop its “provocative actions,” saying a missile test would “be very unhelpful.”

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## Politician defies law, speaks Kurdish in Turkey



Ahmet Turk, the leader of the pro-Kurdish Democratic Society Party or DTP, makes a speech in Kurdish in open defiance of Turkish laws, as he addresses his party members at the Turkish parliament in Ankara, Turkey, Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009.

Associated Press

By SUZAN FRASER  
Associated Press Writer

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The leader of a Kurdish party on Tuesday addressed lawmakers in Turkey's parliament in the Kurdish language, openly defying Turkey's laws.

Ahmet Turk's speech in Kurdish was likely to increase tensions ahead of local elections on March 29 and could be used by a prosecutor as evidence to shut down the party on charges of ties to Kurdish rebels.

State-run television, TRT, immediately stopped its live broadcast of the speech when Turk switched to Kurdish. The prosecutor's office quickly launched a probe, private NTV television said. Turk's Democratic Society Party, which has 21 legislators in parliament, faces closure by the Constitutional Court

for its alleged ties to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party. Turkey's Constitution and laws regulating political parties and parliamentary bylaws bar the speaking of Kurdish.

Turk spoke Turkish for several minutes before switching. He said he was speaking Kurdish in recognition of U.N. cultural body UNESCO's International Mother Language Day this week to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

His lawmakers gave Turk a standing ovation as he made the switch.

"Turkey must save itself from the shame of banning a tongue in this era," he said in Turkish earlier. "Everyone should understand that requesting an end to the ban on Kurdish is an extremely natural request," he said.

Speaking Kurdish in public was entirely forbidden until 1990.

Turkey continued to ban the use of the language in schools, official settings and broadcasts other than music until 2002, when — under pressure from the European

Union — it allowed Kurdish-language broadcasts.

It still refuses to allow Kurdish education in schools and official settings, such as in Parliament, arguing that it would divide the country along ethnic lines.

In 1991, Kurdish lawmaker

Leyla Zana took the oath in parliament in the Kurdish language, causing an uproar that eventually led to her prosecution.

Zana was stripped of her immunity and served a decade in prison along with three other Kurdish legislators. □

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decorations are invariably stunning. The chocolaterie's small terrace is doing a booming business as a café and cappuccinos, lattes and frappes are served with delicious pastries, cakes or sandwiches. Seated in a comfortable chair one can witness formerly drooping shoppers continue their quest revived and full of energy after a spell at Taste of Belgium



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New Jersey Nets' Devin Harris (34) shoots a half-court shot at the buzzer as he is guarded by Philadelphia 76ers' Andre Iguodala to beat the 76ers 98-96 in an NBA basketball game Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 in East Rutherford, N.J.

*Associated Press*

### NBA Roundup

## Harris half-court shot gives Nets win

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Devin Harris hit an unbelievable, lunging half-court shot at the buzzer as the New Jersey Nets snapped a season-high five-game losing streak with a 98-96 victory over the slumping Philadelphia 76ers on Monday.

With players from both teams surrounding the scorer's table, the referees watched replays of Harris' shot for nearly three minutes before signaling the basket was good.

Seconds earlier, the 76ers seemingly nailed down the victory when Andre Iguodala sank the second of two free throws to give them a one-point lead with 1.8 seconds to play.

The Nets quickly inbounded the ball to Harris, who bobbled it after bumping with Iguodala and then heaved in the winner from in front of the scorer's table.

Harris finished with a game-high 39 points, but his 22nd shot of the night will be one Nets fans remember, especially if it helps key a run to the playoffs.

### Knicks 123, Pacers 119

At New York, Nate Robinson scored a season-high 41 points, including the tiebreaking layup with 26 seconds left, as New York beat Indiana.

Robinson scored 32 in the second half, helping the Knicks pull out a game against a team missing most of its best players. Al Harrington added 27 points and David Lee had 20 points and 13 rebounds for the Knicks.

Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 33 points and Marquis Daniels matched a season best with 28 for the Pacers, who had won two in a row overall and four in a row at Madison Square Garden. They fell to 4-2 when playing without both All-Star Danny Granger and Mike Dunleavy. Troy Murphy had 19 points and 21 rebounds for the Pacers.

### Celtics 114, Nuggets 76

At Denver, Ray Allen scored 26 points and Paul Pierce had 22 as Boston handed Denver one of its worst ever home losses.

It was Boston's second game since Kevin Garnett strained a muscle in his right knee that is expected to sideline him for at least two weeks.

Rajon Rondo, coming off a career-high 32 points in Boston's 20-point win at Phoenix on Sunday, added 14 points for the Celtics, who raced to a 60-37 halftime lead that rendered the second half a let's-get-it-over-with exercise. □

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# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

# Fit as ever, Woods ready for rush of competing

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

MARANA, Arizona (AP) — Tiger Woods pulled into the parking lot as sunlight began to filter across the desert floor. He ducked into the clubhouse to change into golf shoes and headed out for a practice round, a routine he has followed for a dozen years.

For a moment, it didn't seem as though he had been gone from golf for the last eight months recovering from knee surgery.

"It feels the same. Nothing feels any different," Woods said, recalling a conversation with his wife on Tuesday morning. "Just because it feels like I'm coming back to what I used to do."

But there was one change that brought so much satisfaction. Standing on the first tee at Dove Mountain, he drew back his 3-wood and sent the ball soaring against the Arizona sky, his swing looking just as good as it did that Monday in June at San Diego when he won the U.S. Open in a playoff.

Only this time he didn't wince. He didn't stoop over and clutch his left leg. He didn't have to use his club for a cane. Nothing hurt.

"I feel great," Woods said. "I didn't think it would feel this good before the surgery, or even just after the surgery, because I hadn't known what it's like to feel this way. It's been so long. So to have it feel this healthy and this solid and secure, man, it's a great feeling."

He was about an hour late for his press conference, but he had a good excuse.

It was his first time walking 18 holes since the U.S. Open, and "I forgot how long it takes," said Woods, who has been riding a cart at home.

Woods does not know what to expect from his game when the Accenture Match Play Championship begins on Wednesday, mainly because there is sure to be rust. He has not competed since surgery to rebuild ligaments in his left knee the week after the U.S. Open.

"I've played one tournament

in 10 months," Woods said. "I've simulated tournaments the best I possibly can, but it's hard to get the adrenaline up to where it's going to be tomorrow when I play. I'm trying to get into the rhythm of the round as fast as I possibly can."

"And hopefully, it will happen quickly for me."

His first-round opponent is Brendan Jones, an Australian Woods has never met.

Woods is the defending champion, which means nothing in this fickle format. It doesn't matter what score he shoots, as long as he wins more holes than his opponent.

"You have to be on your game right away," he said. "You have to make sure you bring the intensity and bring your game from the very first hole. Because if you don't, then I'll be going home."

The intensity might come from the circus around him.

Even if Woods felt like his drive to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club was just like going to the office, it soon was clear this week will be different.



Tiger Woods hitches up his trousers as he and his caddy Steve Williams walk off the sixth tee during a practice round at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship Tuesday Feb. 24, 2009, in Marana, Ariz.

Associated Press

About 50 photographers were waiting at the entrance of the practice range, and a dozen of them camped on the slope behind where Woods set up to hit balls.

The only other player on the range was Phil Mickelson, who won two days ago at the Northern Trust Open and virtually was ignored.

"As I'm walking to the range, I've never seen so many cameras, especially that early in the morning," Mickelson said.

Woods played alone, followed by swing coach Hank Haney, agent Mark Steinberg and spokesman Glenn Greenspan. "He looked great," Haney said. "I'm very pleased with how he did today. It's slowly coming around, and he's getting more consistent. His knee is not flopping all over the place. It's nice to see him not in pain, not hurt when he's playing."

Haney said Woods was hurting when he won the Match Play for the third time last year. Woods tried to take care of his wounded knee with surgery to clean out cartilage after the Masters, but the ACL already was gone. And then came a double stress fracture of the tibia while practicing for the

U.S. Open.

Woods believes he had only 20 percent of his ACL about five years ago, none since stepping in a hole while jogging after the British Open in 2007.

"I feel a lot stronger in my left leg," Woods said. "Both legs have been stronger than they ever have been. Stability is something I haven't had in years. So it's nice to make a swing and not have my bones move. ... It's nice to hit into it for the first time."

In the last few weeks, he said he would go to the range at home in Florida while Charlie, born on Feb. 8, was asleep. His wife, Elin, would call when the child woke up, and Woods would head back to the house.

His family was in Florida, and Woods said this week would be a time for him to catch up on sleep. That's one incentive to win matches.

"I'm looking forward to the rush tomorrow. I really am," Woods said. "Waking up tomorrow, and getting ready for my round, and getting focused, and coming out here, warming up and getting fired up. I'm really looking forward to that more than anything else. Because I haven't had that in a long time." □

## NHL Roundup

## Nabokov, Setoguchi lead Sharks past Stars, 1-0



San Jose Sharks' Devin Setoguchi, left, scores past Columbus Blue Jackets' Dan LaCosta, center, as Rostislav Klesla, of the Czech Republic, falls to the ice during the second period of an NHL hockey game Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Devin Setoguchi scored with 12:05 remaining to help the San Jose Sharks extend their winning streak to four games with a 1-0

victory over the Dallas Stars in the NHL on Monday.

Setoguchi stickhandled up the right side to get free and fired a low shot from the circle that beat

Dallas goaltender Marty Turco to the stick side for Setoguchi's 25th goal of the season.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 29 shots for his 45th career shutout and registered his fifth shutout this season, helping the Pacific Division-leading Sharks improve to a league-best 91 points, good for a 26-point lead over the second-place Stars in the division.

Nabokov also had luck on his side when Stars defenseman Stephane Robidas hit the post with a shot on the power play with about 11 minutes remaining in the third.

The Stars had a prime scoring chance with 15:32 left, but Nabokov smothered the puck on Brian Sutherby's close-in attempt. □



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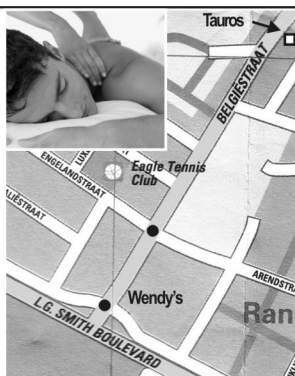
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# Espionaje enloda política seguridad Uribe en Colombia

BOGOTA (Reuters) - Las interceptaciones ilegales de comunicaciones en Colombia podrían ser resultado de una visión errada de la lucha contra la guerrilla y enloda, e incluso llevar al fracaso, la política de seguridad del Gobierno por repetidas violaciones a derechos humanos y falta de control.

El escándalo por grabación de llamadas de magistrados, periodistas y funcionarios, al parecer desde el Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad (DAS), es el más reciente en una serie de irregularidades al interior del organismo.

Analistas dijeron que esas interceptaciones, que violan el derecho a la intimidad y normas jurídicas, deslegitiman el éxito de Política de Seguridad Democrática con la que el presidente Alvaro Uribe sustenta en gran medida su popularidad y los logros de su Gobierno.

La política -una ofensiva que ha incluido el aumento del presupuesto militar, de la cantidad de efectivos de las Fuerzas Armadas y el pago de recompensas- obligó a las rebeldes Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) y al Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) a replegarse a apartadas zonas montañosas y selváticas.

También permitió reducir los asesinatos, las masacres, los secuestros y los ataques explosivos contra la infraestructura económica de este país de alrededor de 44 millones de habitantes azotado por un conflicto interno de más de 40 años.

“Es otro eslabón en la cadena de excesos de la Política de Seguridad Democrática. Con la excusa de la derrota de las FARC y la guerrilla, el Gobierno se ha tomado muchas atribuciones y ha saltado barreras éticas y legales”, dijo el analista León Valencia, de la Corporación Nuevo Arco Iris.

Valencia mencionó como otros excesos los permanentes cuestionamientos del Gobierno a opositores y las sugerencias de vínculos con la guerrilla, además de las ejecuciones por parte de efectivos del Ejército de civiles que luego presentan como miembros de grupos armados ilegales muertos en



Foto de archivo del ministro de defensa colombiano, Juan Manuel Santos, durante una entrevista en Bogotá, 9 dic 2008. REUTERS/John Vizcaino (COLOMBIA)

combates.

“Es una visión de seguridad que pasa por encima de la democracia, de los derechos humanos y del respeto a las libertades, trasgrede todas las normas, el respeto a la privacidad”, afirmó el analista. El Gobierno acusó del reciente escándalo de espionaje telefónico a una mafia criminal infiltrada en su Central de Inteligencia que busca poner en riesgo la seguridad nacional.

## GOBIERNO SE DEFIENDE, CRITICOS CUESTIONAN

Según denuncias periodísticas, desde el interior del DAS se graban conversaciones y se ofrecen servicios de interceptación a los carteles de la droga, a la guerrilla y a grupos armados ilegales conformados por antiguos paramilitares.

“Es para desprestigiar el Gobierno del presidente Alvaro Uribe y desprestigiar la Política de Seguridad Democrática”, dijo Bernardo Moreno, secretario general de la presidencia, uno de los funcionarios víctimas del espionaje, quien negó la responsabilidad del Gobierno en las interceptaciones.

Analistas y críticos de Uribe

dicen que si bien el Gobierno puede ser ajeno al escándalo, no debe evadir su responsabilidad porque los hechos demuestran una falta de control sobre una agencia que depende directamente del mandatario.

“Un organismo de semejante naturaleza que no tenga control corre el peligro de convertirse en una máquina infernal que le puede hacer daño a todas las instituciones, comenzando por el Gobierno”, aseguró un editorial del diario El Tiempo. El diario recordó lo que sucedió en Perú durante la época de Vladimiro Montesinos.

Aunque falta identificar a los responsables y establecer los intereses que perseguían, el ministro de Defensa, Juan Manuel Santos, admitió que las interceptaciones son bochornosas y enloda el éxito de la Política de Seguridad Democrática.

“Sí, es un lunar en todo el funcionamiento del Estado y dentro de una institución clave en la inteligencia, por eso hay que llegar hasta el fondo y actuar rápido”, declaró Santos. El analista Alfredo Rangel, de la Fundación Seguridad y Democracia, dijo que podría

tratarse de personas que sobornan a funcionarios de la central de inteligencia para espiar con algún propósito o por una mala interpretación de lealtad.

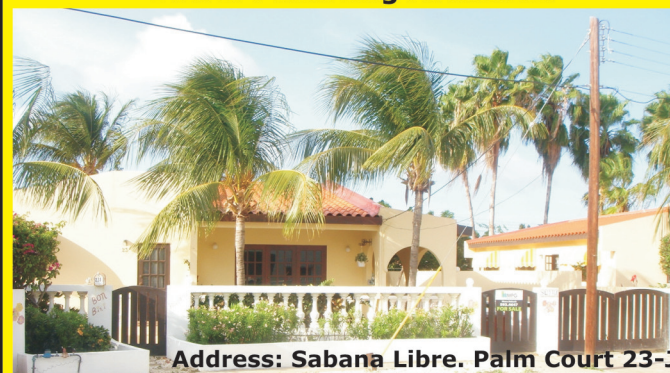
“Podrían ser funcionarios que en una mala entendida lealtad con el Gobierno toman a iniciativa propia realizar esas interceptaciones entendiendo que eso le hace un bien al Gobierno o al país, en lo que están equivocados, porque trasgrede las normas legales”, argumentó. Rangel propuso un severo control a la central de inteligencia.

Ya renunciaron tres funcionarios del DAS.

Michael Shifter, de Diálogo Interamericano, con sede en Washington, dijo que el escándalo alimentará críticas de detractores de Uribe y le provocará un problema en Estados Unidos, donde demócratas han criticado su política de seguridad y exigen menor violencia y protección a los derechos humanos. □



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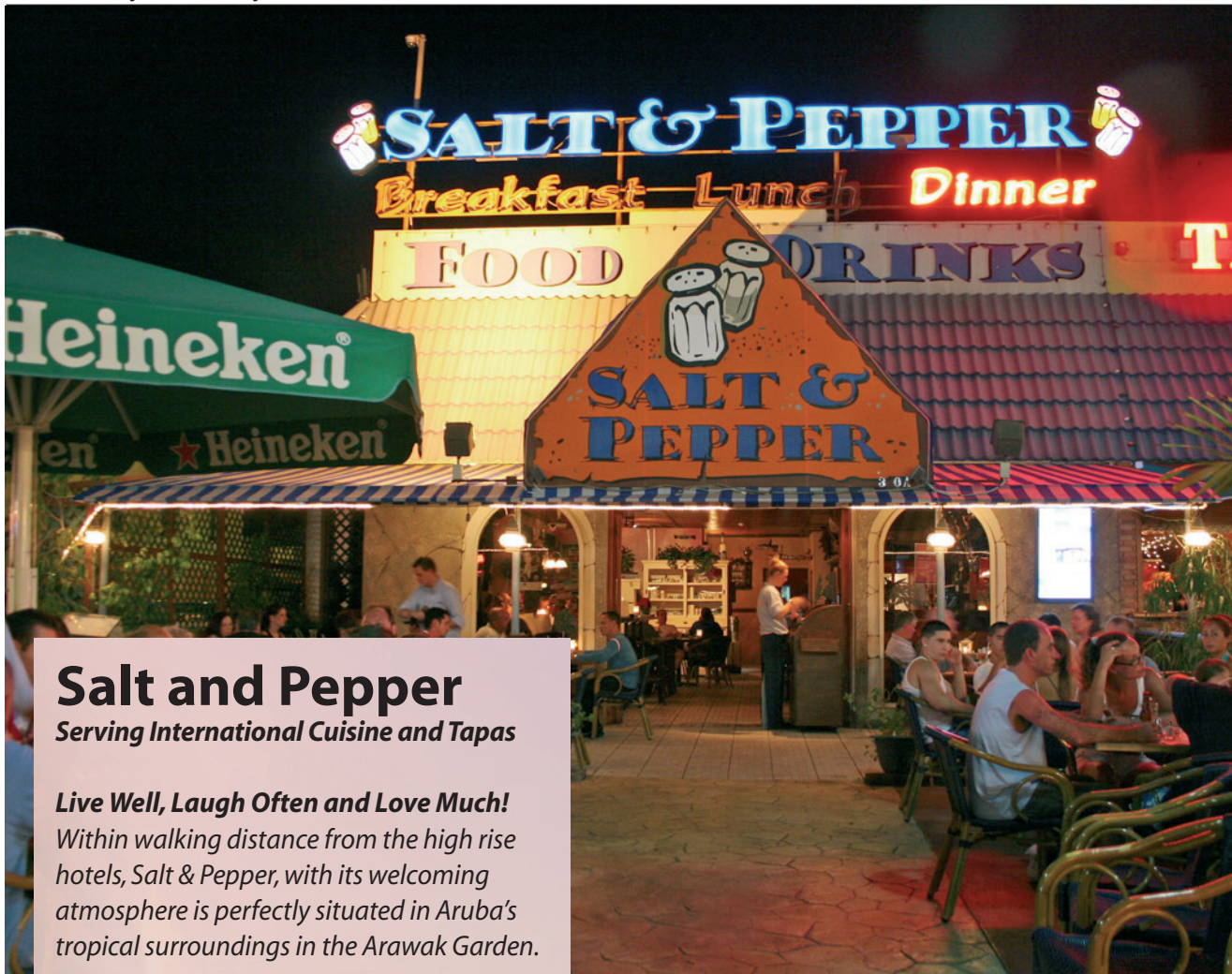
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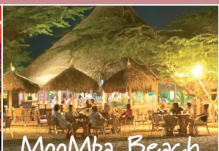
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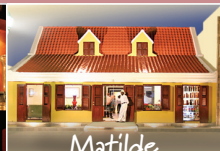
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